

WATERVILLE PARKS AND REC

COED SOFTBALL – RULES AND GUIDELINES

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- 1) The league fee must be paid by April 14, 2006. Checks should be made payable to the Waterville Parks and Recreation Department.
- 2) League rosters must be submitted to the Waterville Parks and Recreation Department by May 12, 2006. Changes to rosters can be made up until the team's fourth scheduled game. Changes after that are made at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Department.
- 3) Females may participate in both divisions—males may only participate in one division. Players may only be registered on **ONE** roster and participate on **ONE** team.
- 4) Alcohol will not be permitted in or around playing areas.

SMASH DIVISION GUIDELINES

Games will be governed by current ASA Coed Softball Playing Rules with the following exceptions:

- 1) There is a 15 minute forfeit time past the scheduled game time. This forfeit time only applies to the **FIRST** game scheduled at Rummel field and games at Reed, Couture, Waterville High School, and Herlihy fields.
- 2) Players must be at least 18 years of age.
- 3) Batters will start with a one ball, one strike count.
- 4) Three over the fence homeruns are allowed per team per game. Additional over the fence homeruns constitute an out.
- 5) If a team is ahead by 12 or more runs after 4 ½ or 5 innings, the game will be declared finished.
- 6) Metal cleats are not permitted.
- 7) The Parks and Recreation Department will determine rainouts.
- 8) If a player or coach is ejected from the game by the umpire, he or she will not be permitted to participate in the next scheduled game. If a player or coach is ejected a second time by the umpire, he or she will not be permitted to participate in the next **three** scheduled games. A third ejection will result in suspension for the remainder of the season.
- 9) The **HOME** team will be responsible for keeping the official book unless a staff member of the Parks and Recreation Department is present in which case he/she will keep the official book.

BASH DIVISION GUIDELINES

- 1) Current league players are discouraged from participating.
- 2) Players must be at least 16 years of age.
- 3) Each team must have four women on the field the entire game. If less than four women are present, teams may field a **MAXIMUM** of six men.
- 4) Whenever a team is playing with less than four women, an out will be taken when the absent female(s) position(s) in the batting order appears. This rule applies to playoffs only. During the regular season you will not be forced to take an out for one female being absent; however if two females are missing the outs must be taken.
- 5) Free substitution is permitted; however, to do this, a batting lineup must include **ALL** players and remain **CONSTANT**.
- 6) The following pitching rules will apply:
 - 4-8 foot arch on the pitch.
 - Switching the ball depending on the batter (11" ball for women; 12" ball for men).
- 7) A batter is out after three swinging strikes (regardless of gender). This includes a foul ball after two strikes.
- 8) Three over the fence homeruns are allowed per team per game. Additional over the fence homeruns constitute an out.
- 9) If a team is ahead by 12 or more runs after 4 ½ or 5 innings, the game will be declared finished.
- 10) Metal cleats are not permitted.